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STATE FOR ECA/PE/V/R/A PROGRAM OFFICER ELLA BUTLER; AF/PD/PA,
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SUBJECT: FY-10 AFRICA REGIONAL INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM
"BROADCAST JOURNALISM" (FRENCH), JULY-19-AUGUST 30, 2010

¶1. (U) AMEMBASSY Bangui is pleased to nominate a sole woman manager of the private radio station NDEKE LUKA, Ms. Sylvie Benguere Panika as candidate for subject program. Her biodata is as follows:

¶2. (U) Name: BENGUERE PANIKA, Sylvie Jacqueline

¶3. (U) Sex: Female

¶4. (U) DOB: December 31, 1967, Bangui, Central African Republic

¶5. (U) Nationality: Central African

¶6. (U) Present Position: Editor-in-Chief and Director of Radio Ndeke Luka

¶7. (U) Post Objective for Nomination: As part of Post's effort to promote democratic values through the strengthening of the private press, we nominate Ms. Panika, manager of the private radio station Ndeke Luka, for this program. Radio Ndeke Luka plays a crucial role in civil society development by devoting programming to civic education, good governance, human rights, and the peace and reconciliation process. She is very active in promoting women's participation in the political process and set up programming on women's issues and civic awareness. We believe that her exposure to American radio station management and broadcasting techniques will be invaluable for the radio station's efforts in the CAR. She is a President of the newly created Women's Journalist Association and member of the independent Central African Journalist Association. She was recently promoted to manager of the radio station and is highly recommended by her supervisor and colleagues to participate to this workshop.

¶8. Previous Travel to the U.S.: None

¶9. Escort - Interpreter: Needed

¶10. Marital status: Married with five (5) children

¶11. Mailing address: Radio Ndeke Luka, P.O. Box 558, Bangui, Central African Republic

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¶12. Other Travel Abroad: Attended seminars/workshops in
Burundi-Rwanda, Tanzania, Cameroon and Training in Lyon, France

¶13. Professional Membership: Member of Central African
Journalist Association (Union des Journalistes de Centrafrique);
and Member of the Women's Journalist Association (Association
des Femmes Professional's de la Communication)

¶14. Education:

1990, Diploma in Social Science at the University of Bangui

2000, Diploma in Mass Communication in Cairo, Egypt

2004, Training on Elections Reporting, UNESCO -
Bangui

2006, Certificate in Elections coverage in Africa
Central, Cameroon

2007-2008, Certificate on International Justice in
Burundi-Rwanda-Tanzania funded by European Union

¶15. Publication: None

¶16. Knowledge of English: None

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¶17. Other Language spoken: French and Sango

¶18. No Medical, physical or dietary restrictions

¶19. Professional interests: Observe daily operation of radio
in small cities, programming, news gathering, interviewing and
production techniques, Media-Government relations; would be
interested in meeting with VOA Journalists

¶20. Touristic Interests: Visit White House Capitol Hill,
Museums, statue of Liberty.
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